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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: SOLID ELECTROLYTE CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph with the following.

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/576,263 filed May 24, 2000, which is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) claiming benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) of the filing dates of Provisional Application No. 60/135,846 filed May 24, 1999, Provisional Application No. 60/144,817 filed July 21, 1999, and Provisional Application No. 60/162,235 filed October 29, 1999 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(b); the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

48. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45, wherein the electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10 μm.

49. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45, wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

50. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45, which contains an organic solvent.

54. (amended) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in claim 51, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

Please add the following new claims.

55. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, wherein the electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10 μm.

56. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

57. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 48, wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

58. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 55, wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

59. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 46, which contains an organic solvent.

60. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, which contains an organic solvent.

61. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 48, which contains an organic solvent.

62. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 49, which contains an organic solvent.

63. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 55, which contains an organic solvent.

64. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 56, which contains an organic solvent.

65. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 57, which contains an organic solvent.

66. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 58, which contains an organic solvent.

67. (new) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in claim 52, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

68. (new) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in claim 53, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

REMARKS

Claims 42-68 are all the claims pending in this application. Claims 1-41 have been canceled, and claims 48-50 and 54 have been amended so that the claims depend from a single claim. Accordingly, new claims 55-68, which correspond to claims 48-50 and 54, have been added. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, the first paragraph has been changed as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-41 are canceled.

The claims have been changed as follows.

48. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45 [or 47], wherein the electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10 μm.

49. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 45[, 47 or 48], wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

50. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 45 [to 49], which contains an organic solvent.

54. (amended) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 51 [to 53], wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

Claims 55-68 have been added as new claims.